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EXDIS/KOOLAIID FOR TARNOFF/SPIEGEL FROM WISNER

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: MORE ON GROMYKO

1. DAVE HAS ABANDONED SHIP.

2. MARC GARRISON REACHED MARSHALL SHULMAN IN DETRIOT. MARSHALL AGREES THAT GROMYKO WOULD NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT DROPPING THE NON-SALT ITEMS BUT IS CONCERNED THAT GROMYKO MIGHT TAKE SHORTENING OF THE MEETING AS A NEGATIVE SIGNAL ON SALT AND THINKS WE SHOULD AVOID IT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IF IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE HE SUGGESTS WE OFFER AT THE SAME TIME TO EXTEND THE SALT DISCUSSIONS TO SATURDAY THE 10TH, MAKING THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE ROME SCHEDULE. IT MAY BE THAT GROMYKO'S SCHEDULE WOULD MAKE THIS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT AT LEAST THE OFFER WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT DELIBERATELY DOWNGRADING THE TALKS.

3. DICK VINE SUGGESTS THAT IF YOU DECIDE TO PROPOSE
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CONTINUING THE SALT TALKS TO SATURDAY, WE WAIT FOR GROMYKO'S RESPONSE BEFORE TALKING TO ITALIANS ABOUT WHAT COULD BE SALVAGED ON THE ROME STOP.

4. WARREN CHRISTOPHER HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE IN TOUCH WITH DOBRYNIN ON SATURDAY TO PASS ALONG MR. VANCE'S

WISH TO DELAY THE MEETING WITH GROMYKO UNTIL SEPTEMBER
8 (IF THAT IS WHERE THE SECRETARY COMES OUT). WARREN
FEELS THAT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME THE EARLIER WE LET
THE SOVIETS KNOW THE BETTER. ALSO, HIS DOING SO WOULD
TAKE A NEGATIVE EDGE OFF YOUR MEETING WITH DOBRYNIN
ON MONDAY. CHRISTOPHER

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